

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Alpine City Hall, 20 North Main, Alpine, UT
September 10, 2013

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Willoughby was out of town. The meeting was called to order by Kimberly Bryant, Mayor Pro Tem.

A. Roll Call: The following were present and constituted a quorum:

Kimberly Bryant – Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members: Mel Clement, Bradley Reneer

Council Members not present: Troy Stout, Will Jones

Staff: Rich Nelson, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Ron Devey, Joe McCray

Others: Cameron Clarke, Reagan Palsson, Misha Peay, Julie Peterson, Rachelle Martin, Chandler Miller, Bryce Martin, Jim Hobbs, Darren Gooch, Becky Saxey, M. Armitstead

B. Prayer: Bradley Reneer

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Joe McCray

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Cameron Clarke said that for his Eagle project he was going to clean up around the fire hydrants in his neighborhood, paint them and put stickers on them. He lived in the Moyle Park neighborhood. He had already met with staff and the fire department about his project
- Misha Peay said she lived on the northwest side of Peppermint Place. She said the school district had eliminated bus routes and she was concerned about the safety of the route where the kids in her neighborhood walked to Westfield and Timberline. She said there were a large number of people who dropped their kids off at the school and it created a lot of traffic. She said she had stood at the corner where the kids crossed and there were as many as 300 cars pass by in ten minutes. The parents in her area were looking at a safe alternative. Rich Nelson said that the police and school district met once a month with the crossing guards. He said he would refer her to the police chief who could invite her to the meeting.
- Reagan Palsson said he was in Alpine 3rd Ward and was there to propose an Eagle project. He said he had talked to Jed Muhlestein about putting stickers near the drainage basins that stated "No Dumping." It would remind citizens to be responsible and help the City keep the waterways clean. He said he had spoken to Ron Devey and he had approved it. The Council asked him to report back if he found drainage basins that were plugged up.
- Dale Palsson said he had listened to the mother talking about the traffic problem for children walking to school. He said it had occurred to him that perhaps the crossing guard could stop traffic and let four hundred kids cross at once. Rich Nelson said he would bring it up.
- Jim Hobbs said that in the wake of the floods, he wanted to thank the City for the huge amount of effort they had put forth to keep the community safe. He said they couldn't control Mother Nature and he felt the City and the police and fire departments had done a great job. Rich Nelson added that they were grateful for all the volunteers that showed up to help. They couldn't have done it without their help.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Final Payment Request, Staker Parsons - \$135,574.22

B. Approve Minutes of August 27, 2013

MOTION: Bradley Reneer moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the minutes of August 27th as corrected. Mel Clement seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. August Financial Report: Rich Nelson said everything looked great. The tax revenue was on track. The City had done well on plan check and permit fees with permits for three new homes with values in excess of a million dollars. He said it was too early in the fiscal year for analysis on other areas.

V. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Possible Additional NRCS Funding: Shane Sorensen said the City had previously secured \$300,000 from the Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) to carry out the mitigation work necessary after the Quail Fire. The City had a 25% match, which was mostly a soft match in which they used rock to riprap the flood channels. He said the City had been able to secure another \$350,000 to continue the necessary work. He said he had talked to three of the Council members the night of the flood and was comfortable enough with that conversation that they went ahead and signed the contract for the grant, and got started on the design. They would be working on the Box Elder channel and Wadsworth. They would be talking to the property owners about their ideas. Essentially they were looking at projects that would help everyone downstream. They wanted to try to get the water into Dry Creek more quickly.

Mel Clement noted that the ditch above the North Stake Center was their last defense, and when that filled in, it all came down. Shane Sorensen said the runoff came out of the canyons and into a ditch that was designed for a 25-year storm. It had been too expensive to build for a 100-year event. He said in the last flooding there had been a lot of water. It was blowing manhole covers off a 36-inch storm drain. He said everything that City had done on the EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) project had worked well. It had saved at least one home up there. He said Ron Devey and the crew were clearing the basins for the third time this year. He said the challenge was to find a place to put the material. It was expensive to export it from the city and time consuming. A lot of mud had been dumped up by the rodeo grounds.

Kimberly Bryant said the Council appreciated all the work that had been done. Shane Sorensen said the public works department had been working all weekend, working when they were sick and canceling family events.

Rich Nelson suggested there be some kind of preapproval from the Council authorizing signing for future funding opportunities that needed to be addressed before the Council met.

MOTION: Bradley Reneer moved to retroactively approve the signing of the extension of the Emergency Watershed Project (EWP) grant funded by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in the amount of \$350,000 with \$35,000 for planning, and authorize Rich Nelson to sign for any future funding. Mel Clement seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Bradley Reneer, Kimberly Bryant and Mel Clement voted aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- Ron Devey thanked everyone for their volunteer work during the crisis.
- Shane Sorensen said that Rich Nelson and Jed Muhlestein had been at the emergency command center. He and Ron Devey had been out in the field so they could see the problems and decide what they should do. He said when they needed to split up they would, but in most cases, two heads were better than one. He also noted that the debris basins in Willow Canyon and Preston Canyons, which had been built several years ago and hadn't had anything come into them during the previous flooding, had debris flow into the Willow Canyon basin during the last event. Bradley Reneer asked if there were any houses that got flooded or if it was just yards. Mr. Sorensen said there were four house that had some flooding.
- David Church said he had received a draft copy of a petition requesting the City vacate a public right-of-way in the old portion of Fort Canyon Road. It had been sent to him first to make sure it met the correct form, then the City would be receiving it. Once the City got the petition from the landowners, they would notice it and set up a public hearing before making a decision. He showed on the map what road they were talking about. It was the old road that ran west of what was currently the Young's home. He said that in

order to resolve the court case, the landowners were asking the City to say whether or not it was a public road and to vacate the public's right to use it. He said he didn't know when they would be dealing with it, but expected it would be controversial when they did. It was the old historical road that was gated off in 1984. The Youngs and five other property owners were signing the petition to have it vacated.

- Rich Nelson said he wanted to thank Gary Vaughn from the LDS North Stake Center. He was the emergency director in the stake and had done a great job organizing the volunteer effort. He also thanked Tracy Wallace and Lynn Higgins who were up at City Shops helping. He said there were a number of restaurants and stores that donated food and helped in different ways. He said they planned to purchase some base station units to put in the public works cars so they could communicate. He also thanked other cities in the area for their help. He said they had fire trucks from as far away as Cedar Fort. They couldn't have accomplished what they did without their help. He said they had exceptional staff helping with the emergency, including Greg Kmetzch and Landon Wallace, and Annalisa Beck on the phones.
- Shane Sorensen noted that on Sunday morning they had independent contractors show up with their equipment to help including Gary Gray and Bryan Burr. They brought water trucks and cleaned storm drains. Patterson sent equipment and gave them a place to dump the debris. He said Lon Lott prevented several homes in Box Elder from flooding by taking quick action.
- Joe McCray from the fire department thanked everyone for the total effort including citizens and staff.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Mel Clement said it was a privilege to live in Alpine. He said that if they worked and worked, this might pass.
- Bradley Reneer said he wanted to thank all those who helped. He had a neighbor, Aric Davies, out there with a skid loader. He was amazed at how many people showed up to help. He said that in spite of the tragedy, the community effort was a good thing that came out of it. He was delighted to see so many serving.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held.

MOTION: Bradley Reneer moved to adjourn. Mel Clement seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.